

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
February 25, 2013

There were 4 members (C. David Copenhaver, Earl Grey, Carlin Cook, Joan Hamilton) and 19 guests in attendance including: Lidia Brennan (Aid to County Councilman Dion Guthrie), Andrew Tress (Aid to County Council President, Billy Boniface), Jamie Meier (Aid to County Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisanti), Captain Chris Swain (Southern Precinct Commander, Harford County Sheriff's Office), Arden McClune (Director Dept. of Rec. and Parks Preservation Plan), Paul Magness (Chief of Capital Planning for Dept. of Rec. and Parks), Pastor Frankie Revell (Cokesbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Abingdon, MD)

The next meeting will be March 25, 2013 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by C. David Copenhaver, Vice Chairperson.
- County Councilman Joe Woods was not in attendance.
- Captain Chris Swain: Sheriff's representative
- Currently the biggest problem in the Abingdon area is with theft from cars. Air Bag theft is an emerging issue.
- Arden McClune and Paul Magness: Dept. of Recreation and Parks
- Showed a PowerPoint depicting past, present, and future finances and plans
- 2013 demographics for Harford Co. indicate it is the 2nd fastest growing Balto. Metro County with population increase of 12% since 2000.
 - Median age is 39.4 (up since 2000), and 40-64 and 65+ are the fastest growing age brackets
 - Needs analysis shows increased need for all types of recreational areas
- **2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) Goals**
 - PR-1 - Acquire additional recreation land, including waterfront properties, to help meet the needs of current and future residents***
 - PR-2 - Develop integrated greenway/trail systems with both public and private segments***
 - PR-3 - Monitor usage trends and add recreational opportunities and facilities that meet the needs of all segments of the public***
 - PR-4 - Provide active and healthy lifestyle opportunities for Harford County residents***
 - PR-5 - Work with Recreation Councils to continue to address the safety of recreation program participants***
 - PR-6 - Develop additional community centers in appropriate areas***
 - PR-7 - Incorporate sustainable development and conservation practices in all Parks and Recreation parks and facilities***
 - PR-8 - Improve existing facilities and develop complementary facilities in support of the destination recreation/sports tourism market***
- April 2, 2013 Public Hearing on the plan
- www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec
- Pastor Frankie Revell: Cokesbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Abingdon, MD
- His church received a large grant and the church wishes to gather ideas how they can use the money to benefit the Abingdon community.
- Pastor Frankie distributed pens and DVDs.
- Lidia Brennan: Aid to County Councilman Dion Guthrie
- Distributed papers concerning the new State mandated Stormwater Fee and dates for upcoming County Council Meetings
- Andrew Tress: Representative for County Councilman Billy Boniface
 - Trying to get the new Stormwater fee below the suggested \$125/house
- ACC member, Earl Gray mentioned that the ACC was planning to submit a formal letter to the County Council requesting that the development in the Abingdon area not continue to be viewed in isolation, but for the traffic congestion and public safety be viewed holistically to see the "big picture".
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by C. David Copenhaver, Vice Chairperson.

